



Virtual Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Dale Rumberger called meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORTS

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - May and June meeting minutes approved without changes

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Sun Trust Checking: \$843.40

TIAA CREF Money Market: \$6,733.30

Total funding: \$7,576.70

- **South Fairfax Chamber Report – Casey Whitmarsh**
 - SFCC Member Highlight – *GreenDrop Charitable Donations, LLC*
(https://mms.southfairfaxchamber.org/southfairfaxchamber/mem_gogreendrop)
 - Lorton Marketplace (right beside Glory Days)



- GreenDrop works on behalf of partner charities: the Red Cross, the National Federation of the Blind and the Purple Heart collecting donations of clothing and household items which benefit the donor’s chosen charity, and also helps the environment by repurposing and recycling these items.
- Open Daily 10 am- 5pm
- Phone: 888-944-3767
- Email: Jcarruthers@gogreendrop
- 2021 Harvest Wine Fest (formally Sip into Summer)
 - September 26, 2021
 - Tickets required (\$30/individual; \$50/couple)
 - 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 - Gunston Hall 10709 Gunston Rd. Lorton, VA
- COMMENT: President Rumberger: GreenDrop excess donations should be coordinated to go directly LCAC to continue our local support of this organization.

III. SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**
 - Not present or represented.
- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck** Presented by Christine Morin
 - Board Approvals impacting South County
 - Yoshi Holdings PCA application approved at BOS hearings: redevelopment planned for 6 houses on 2.65 acres off of Southern Oaks Place.
 - South County Girls Varsity Soccer Team – State Championship Winners! Board matter was



brought forward & they will be recognized this Summer

- Liberty Development
 - Responses about Commercial Space at Liberty:
 - The Liberty Master Development Agreement with the County lays out milestones for when these buildings can proceed with residential uses.
 - The milestones for the cell block buildings have not yet been achieved, and Liberty currently has no plans to pursue residential units in the cell block buildings. Cell block building P-2 is currently occupied by two commercial tenants and they are actively marketing the remaining spaces to potential commercial users.
 - Elm Street would welcome any assistance from the SCF, Fairfax County EDA and the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce in marketing these spaces to fill them with commercial tenant.

- Pohick Road widening and sidewalk timeline
 - Initial project review was shared in September 202, the design work was scheduled to take place in Fall 2020.
 - Next Steps: Nick has reached out to FCDOT staff for next steps, still waiting on answer.

- Environmental Expo Recap



- Thanks to everyone who came out to the 3rd Annual Mount Vernon District Environment Expo: Get Outdoors! Learn and Do! on Saturday, June 26. Held for the first time at Fort Hunt Park, in partnership with the National Park Service, this year's event was the largest and best yet.
 - The free Family Friendly Event included: Live Music by the Joe Chiocca Band, Reptile Wonders and Live Owls - Secret Garden Birds and Bees, an Electric Vehicle Showcase, Nature Walks, Junior Ranger Program, Touch-a-Truck, Recycling How To's, History Tours, Purple Glass Monster, Exhibitors, Workshops and so much more!
 - We are looking forward to next year's event and making this a regular continued partnership with NPS.
 - Thanks to the Federation's own Rich Aiken for volunteering his time!
- Central Green Ribbon Cutting Recap
- Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Laurel Hill Central Green Ribbon Cutting on Friday, June 25. Completing the Central Green continues to bring the Laurel Hill Park vision and recreation complex to fruition. Its connectivity to the many trails, golf course, equestrian center, arts and parks provides a welcome central location and gathering place for those using the surrounding amenities.
 - Residents can enjoy the new Central Green in many ways, from riding their bikes here to play



frisbee golf to sharing a picnic and enjoying the pollinator garden with friends and family alike. It has already been a tremendous community asset where hundreds of residents watched the Workhouse Arts Center fireworks on July 2.

- Mount Vernon Nights at the Workhouse Arts Center
 - Reminder to all that the County's FREE Summer Entertainment Series is back! The Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series began this past Friday, July 9 with Friday night concerts at Grist Mill Park at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday Night concerts at the Workhouse Arts Center at 7 p.m

- Land Use
 - 8708 Silverbrook Road – Plan Amendment PC hearing on July 14 for proposed development by John Regan and Christopher Companies
 - The Lorton Visioning Task Force continues to meet and have productive discussions about the future of development in Lorton. Their next meeting is July 19th.

- Franconia Springfield Pkwy/Fairfax County Pkwy – FCDOT Alternatives Analysis
 - I know there was some concern that the SCF didn't have adequate time to comment. I want to assure you that the presentation before the BOS Transportation Committee on May 25th was the first phase.
 - FCDOT will be going through a formal process to amend the Comp Plan. Then, later, as plans move



toward implementation, there will be engineering and design.

- There will be more opportunity for input.
- The expansion at FCP/Huntsman was mentioned. FCDOT heard the public commentary at Sangster ES that confirmed they do not want a grade separated interchange dividing the communities.
- FCDOT was able to keep the footprint at Huntsman minimal by introducing the second intersection that would provide an alternative connection to Huntsman Boulevard around the Giant plaza. The widening of the FCP to six lanes will remain in the Plan, but with heavy notes about the need for additional study and outreach (keeping it at 4 lanes is still a possibility).
- Old Colchester Bridge
 - VDOT update: Thursday night, there was a temporary truss bridge lifted into place (postponed from original date due to wind). They now have to complete construction of the roadway next to the truss bridge that requires accommodation of elevation change. Estimating 3 weeks, followed by an inspection, so opening late July/ early August.
- QUESTION: Larry Clark: There was no discussion on the Powerhouse at Liberty, but I recall that they can convert it into residences. I am in opposition. In light of the pandemic, the county (BoS as owner) should go back to Elm Street and encourage them to market it for an additional two years prior to allowing it to be converted to residences.



- ANSWER: Christine: Will share with Supervisor Storck. Will that be something that SCF takes on?
 - ANSWER: President Rumberger: There is a resolution being drafted but there was nothing ready for tonight’s meeting. There is a concern that due to the extended durations of lease-up in the commercial space during COVID, the BoS should extend this option rather than immediately seek to convert to residences.
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- **Mount Vernon District School Board – Karen Corbett – Sanders**
 - Summer School programming is 7 times what we have done in past years and is fully subscribed
 - Temporary issue with staffing for extended school year programming for students with IEP. Resolved with 2 (three-week) sessions, rather than a single session
 - Current session runs through mid-July
 - Second session begins July 26
 - This week will be voting to support Superintendent’s application for \$188.6M in ESSER III funding
 - Funding from federal government allocated to Fairfax County based on demographics of our school system
 - Full plan submitted to State September 1
 - 30-day period where all citizens can weigh in
 - Fairfax County Public Schools provided over \$15M in meals for students throughout Fairfax County during closure. Continuing to provide meal distribution throughout the County



- South County Locations
 - Hagle Circle
 - Lorton Station
 - South County High School
 - Holly Elementary
- Brett Garner, current South County Director of Student Activity, will be leaving to join the faculty at West Potomac High School
- South County Sport Accomplishments
 - South County girls softball State Champions
 - South County boys soccer – went to State Finals
- Two \$1500 Covanta Scholarships awarded to South County Seniors majoring in Environmental Studies/Environmental Engineering
- **Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) – Linwood Gorham**
 - Central Green Updates
 - Grand Opening was a success with additional efforts on the horizon
 - Barrett House will be going into the residential curator program
 - Meadow restoration behind Central Green
 - Developing to rectangle fields behind Barrett House
 - Bathrooms will be in place next season
 - Possibilities for garden plots/community garden at the Nike site
 - New Park Authority Director Search
 - Will be announced at September meeting
 - QUESTION: Any update on Overlook Park redesign?



- ANSWER: It’s moving forward. It’s my understanding in the next month there will be a meeting led by Supervisor Storck on this topic.
- QUESTION: Are there any budget items/allocations for Overlook Park? Or any funds to rehabilitate the barn behind the Central Green?
 - ANSWER: Not at this time. The barn was discussed several months ago, and there will be follow-up in September.
 - COMMENT: Christine Morin: Supervisor Storck will be responding to your email on Overlook Park. Conversations continue with Waste Management, but no other updates at this time. Regarding the budget, the Board will consider carry-over in September which may include some Workhouse items. Budget for 2022/2023 has not yet received and CFO is retiring in September.
- QUESTION: Do we know when the new CEO will be starting at the Workhouse?
 - ANSWER: Christine Morin: First day is this week. We did suggest they reach out to the SCF.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **State Senator Scott Surovell**
 - As recorded from President Rumberger’s update:
 - Changes in Bicycling
 - New laws have been passed at the State level and information will be posted on the SCF website.



V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **Transportation, Peter Weyland, Chair**

- Truss Bridge on Old Colchester Rd. (Pohick Creek)
 - Could be open to traffic as early as the end of next week, not considering the inspections Christine mentioned.
 - Link to VDOT's Twitter account with 3 short videos of the assembly and placement of the Pohick Creek bridge on Old Colchester Road.
<https://twitter.com/i/status/1413502921530957825>
- Giles Run Bridge
 - Closed frequently due to flooding. Leads to trouble accessing the Harbor View community and other residential units in that part of Mason Neck.
- Gunston Road
 - Gunston Hall has agreed to allow an easement to underground utility lines. Dominion Energy will pick up the cost for 2 telephone poles to be moved.

• **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**

- National Night Out – Tuesday, August 3
 - Police will make every effort to get to all neighborhoods/associations to which they are invited.
 - Contacts provided:
 - Franconia District Station Sean Corcoran 703-277-2476
FCPDFranconiaCPO@fairfaxcounty.gov



- West Springfield District Station Anthony Capizzi
703-644-7377
Anthony.Capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Mount Vernon District Station: Marvin Goodley
703-619-4311
Marvin.Goodley@fairfaxcounty.gov
- New Bicycle Laws
 - Bicyclists can ride two abreast at all times on state and local roads
 - If you are a motorist, they have the right of way.
 - Franconia PD is still working to digest this new law
 - https://www.virginiadot.org/programs/bikeped/laws_and_safety_tips.asp
- County Car Thefts
 - McLean is the worst district that is experience this in the County, but the whole County is impacted
 - Groups (2-4) people are walking up to cars and if the door is unlocked, attempting to steal them
 - They also have garage openers and if yours is on the same frequency, they could potentially open your garage to steal a vehicle.
 - Please continue to share this with homeowners/neighbors. Police **do not** monitor NextDoor posts, so please encourage proper reporting by calling 911 or non-emergency as needed.
 - Summer Theft Counts
 - Mt. Vernon 3
 - McLean 15
 - Franconia District 4
 - West Springfield 2



- New Police Canine
 - New dog, Browser, has been trained to sniff out electronic media
 - Used for criminal investigations requiring search of homes/businesses for electronic storage/hardware
- Fairfax County Recruiting
 - New webpage for those interested in joining police force/junior police
 - Looking actively to expand
 - <https://www.joinfcpd.org/>
- New Police Chief Initiatives
 - 100-day push for community outreach
 - Highlighting County's progress in law enforcement initiatives (body cameras, diversion first, etc.)
 - Holding "Meet The Chief" public meetings
 - Last week, Gunston Hall
 - Thursday this week, Gum Springs Community Center
 - Both in person & broadcast
- **Land Use, Nick Firth, Chair**
 - Vulcan (Ox Rd. & Peniwill)
 - Land has been listed for sale, suspecting that we could see additional residential given that the neighboring (new construction) residential on Peniwill and Workhouse Road is sold out.
 - QUESTION: Is there any interest in the owners there attempting to declare no-truck roads on Workhouse Road?



- ANSWER: Yes, there is a Board there now so you'd need participation/approval for pursuing that. Falls in line with transportation.
- **Environmental & Parks, Wes Speer, Chair**
 - President Rumberger announced Mr. Speer's decision to step down as Chair
 - The search for a new Chair is on. Please email President Rumberger with interest at dsrumberger@verizon.net. Those interested will have the opportunity to be an Officer in the South County Federation given all current positions held will turn over in December. More to come on that in the September meeting.
- **Education – see school board member report**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- BLM Proposed Pavilion
 - President Rumberger: Bureau of Land Management ultimately hosted a Town Hall meeting for the pavilion land use development to gain more community input as SCF suggested. What they were working off was originally a 17-year-old document, so it was a good reminder to dust it off and reopen discussion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL COMMENT: We are considering whether to meet in-person or continue meeting on Zoom. Earliest possible in-person opportunity would be in October. More to come.

Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.



NEXT MEETING: September 14 (held virtually)

FUTURE MEETING DATES in 2021: August (no meeting),
September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14

Recorded by Angelina Fuller